

EASTER DAY

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



Sunday 9th April 2023, 9 a.m.
St Thomas' Cathedral • Mumbai
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Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

AN EASTER WELCOME

“He is not here!”

Our response to the Empty Tomb

Happy Easter! It is a joy and a pleasure to welcome you to the Cathedral on the greatest day of the Christian year.

Easter is one of those occasions on which most folks come to church already knowing the story. Due to the familiarity with the Easter narratives, it might only be natural for some of us to let our minds wander during the reading of the scriptures!

The resurrection account from John's Gospel provides an interesting account of how the first witnesses to the empty tomb respond. Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John each react differently. Do we in any way see a reflection of ourself in the response of Mary Magdalene, Peter and John? It can be tempting for us to try to identify with the major players in this or any of our more familiar scriptures. There is nothing inherently wrong with the desire to relate to a particular individual in this or any other biblical passage. But by doing so, we may run the risk of limiting our perspective when instead we are called to expand it.

Are we not, some combination of John, Peter, and Mary Magdalene? We are John when we see something and believe it. We are Peter when we are not quite as certain. We are Mary when a loved one dies and our grief overwhelms our other senses. We find ourselves in different places on our Christian journey at different times.

That's just fine.

Even on Easter.

You might well be able to run toward the empty tomb with an undefended heart, predisposed to belief even before you get a look at the evidence. Or perhaps once you arrive, you will need to turn away in confusion. You simply might need to take some time to sort out what has happened and then come back later.

None of our possible responses changes the truth of the matter – that whoever you are, wherever you are, Jesus is right there by your side.

Whether you are a regular member of a Christian community or just visiting today with family and friends, the joy of Easter was intended for you. It is God's gift to you, God's promise that your life has immeasurable meaning and value because you are loved.

We hope that you too will find yourself resurrected on this Easter morning. For you are precious in God's sight, you are loved more than you will ever know, and God's love will never let you go. Christ is risen! Happy Easter!

Blessings,

The Reverend Avinash Theophilus Rangayya
Presbyter
The Cathedral Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Mumbai

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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
Festival Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY 9th APRIL, 2023 • 9:00 A.M.



✠ |THE PREPARATION AND GATHERING| ✠

Music from the following selection will be played before the service

Allegro con brio

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy, *Op. 65 No. 4* (1809 - 1847)

Second Organ Concerto

Charles Avison (1710 - 1770)

'The Risen Christ'
(based on hymn tunes from Palestrina & 'Lyra Davidica')

Charles Sergisson (1905 - 1988)

'Jesu, joy of man's desiring', BWV 147

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

WELCOME

All stand as a fanfare is sounded

INTROIT

All sing the refrain

Hail thee Fes-ti-val Day blest Day that art hal lowed for ev - er
Day where in Christ a - rose break -ing the king - dom of death

choir

*Lo, the fair beauty of earth,
from the death of the winter arising,
every good gift of the year
now with its Master returns.*

Refrain (all) Hail thee...

choir

*He who was nailed to the Cross
is God and the Ruler of all things;
all things created on earth
worship the maker of all.*

Refrain (all) Hail thee...

Words: Bishop Venantius Fortunates (530 - 609)

Tune: SALVE FESTA DIES
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)

THE ACCLAMATION OF THE RESURRECTION

Presbyter Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Presbyter Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Presbyter Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

¶ *All join in singing the processional hymns*

HYMNS AT THE PROCESSION



Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluya!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluya!
Who did once upon the Cross, Alleluya!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluya!

² Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluya!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluya!
Who endured the Cross the grave, Alleluya!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluya!

³ But the pains that He endured, Alleluya!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluya!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluya!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluya!

⁴ Sing we to our God above, Alleluya!
Praise eternal as His love, Alleluya!
Praise Him all ye heavenly host, Alleluya!
Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluya! Amen.

Words: Lyra Davidica, 1708

Tune: EASTER HYMN
based on, SURREXIT CHRISTUS HODIE, c. 14th cent.
Descant & organ arrangement: Malcolm Archer



**¹ Thine be the glory, Risen conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away
Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.**

*Thine be the glory, Risen conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.*

**² Lo! Jesus meets thee; risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
Let His Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.**

*Thine be the glory, Risen conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.*

**³ No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of Life!
Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.**

*Thine be the glory, Risen conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.*

Words: Edmund Budry (1854-1932)

Tune: MACCABEUS
George Frederick Händel (1685-1759)
Descant & organ arrangement: Malcolm Archer

All sit

*Please join in singing the responses indicated in bold and italics print.
The said responses are indicated.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

All **ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Presbyter OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandments greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

All ***Lord, have mercy upon us, and write these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.***

Presbyter The Lord be with you;

All And with thy spirit.

✠ | THE LITURGY OF THE WORD | ✠

THE COLLECT OF THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Presbyter

Almighty God, who through Thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech Thee, that as by Thy special grace preventing us Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God world without end. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Book of Exodus 12: 21 – 28

Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them. Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover. And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the basin; and none of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you. And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever. And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the Lord will give you, according as He hath promised, that ye shall keep this service. And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the Lord's Passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when He smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped. And the children of Israel went away and did so; as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE EASTER ANTHEM

Sung by the choir to a chant by G. Thalben-Ball (1896 – 1987)

- 1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us :
so let us celebrate the feast;
- 2 not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness :
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- 3 Christ once raised from the dead dies no more :
death has no more dominion over him.
- 4 In dying he died to sin once for all.:
In living he lives to God.
- 5 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin :
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 6 Christ has been raised from the dead :
the firstfruits of those who sleep.
- 7 For as by man came death :
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
- 8 For as in Adam all die :
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

All stand *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.*

All sit

THE EPISTLE

The letter of Paul to the Colossians 3: 1 – 7

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth: For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience. In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

All stand and join in singing the hymn

THE GRADUAL

**I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today
I know that He is living, whatever men may say
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him He's always near.**

*He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.*

continued

**2 In all the world around me I see His loving care
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair
I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast
The day of His appearing will come at last.**

*He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.*

**3 Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find
None other is so loving, so good and kind.**

Words & Music: A. H. Ackley (1887 - 1960)

Remain standing for the Gospel and Creed

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospeller The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St John 20:1 - 10

*When the Gospel is announced, we sing: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalen early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. Then she runneth and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, they have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid Him. Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together; and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre; and he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie; and the napkin that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. For as yet they knew not the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Response **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

The organ plays a Gospel Fanfare

All recite THE NICENE CREED

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.

And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

All sit

THE SERMON

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

✠ | THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT | ✠

All stand

THE PEACE

Presbyter The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
All **and also with you. Alleluia.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then join in singing the hymn.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

*During the singing of the hymns an offering will be received for the ministries of the Cathedral.
Thank you for your generosity*

**Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn
In strains of holy joy.**

Continued

² How Judah's Lion bursts his chains,
And crushed the serpent's head;
And brought with him, from death's domains,
The long-imprisoned dead.

⁴ Triumphant in his glory now
His sceptre ruleth all,
Earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,
And at his footstall fall.

³ From hell's devouring jaws the prey
Alone our Leader bore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their way
Where he hath gone before.

⁵ While thus his praise we sing,
His mercy we implore,
Into his palace bright to bring
And keep us evermore.

⁶ All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee,
While endless ages run. Alleluya! Amen.

Words: St Fulbert of Chartres, c. 1000

Tune: ST FULBERT
H. J. Gauntlett (1805 - 76)

Presbyter Let us pray.

People All things come of Thee,
and of Thine own do we give unto Thee, O Creator of the world,
who art ever adored by the holy Angels.
We humbly beseech Thee to accept at our hands
these (alms and) oblations,
which we present at Thy holy Table, and with them
the offering of ourselves to the service of Thy divine Majesty;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All sit

The choir sings THE ANTHEM

The cross it standeth fast
Hallelujah!
Defying every blast,
Hallelujah!
The winds of hell have blown,
The world its hate hath shown,
Yet it is not overthrown
Hallelujah for the cross!

It was was here the debt was paid
Hallelujah!
Our sins on Jesus laid,
Hallelujah!
So round the cross we sing
Of Christ, our offering,
Of Christ, our living King,
Hallelujah for the cross.!

*Hallelujah!,
hallelujah for the cross!
Hallelujah!
It shall never suffer loss.*

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808 - 1889)

Music: James McGranahan (1840 - 1907)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

That our risen Saviour may fill us the community here at St Thomas', the Diocese, our families and friends with the joy of his glorious and life-giving Resurrection. We pray to the Father.

All

Hear our prayer.

Gathered at the empty tomb, let us pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

We pray for Bijaya our *Moderator*; Dharmaraj, *Moderator of the Church of South India*; Theodosius Mar Thoma, the *Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church*; the Moderator's Episcopal Commissary for the Diocese of Bombay and for Avinash, our Presbyter.

God of every Easter, invigorate the Church with the good news of death to sin and resurrection to new life with Christ. Jesus, Lord of Life.

We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter. We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love. We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter.

We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world.

We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them.

We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That, according to his promises,

all who have died in the faith of the Resurrection may be raised on the last day. We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection.

We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father,

you have delivered us from the power of darkness

and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:

grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,

so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Celebrant YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

All **ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Maker of all things, Judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed,
By thought, word, and deed, against Thy Divine Majesty,
provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings:
The remembrance of them is grievous unto us;
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please Thee in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Presbyter ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father,
who of His great mercy hath promised forgiveness
of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Him:
Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins;
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;
and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Celebrant

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to Him.
COME unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

(St. Matthew 11.28)

So God loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, to the end that all that
believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

(St. John 3. 16)

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came
into the world to save sinners.

(1 Timothy 1. 15)

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;
and He is the propitiation for our sins.

(1 St. John 2. 1)

THE CONSECRATION

The people standing or kneeling, the celebrant says

Celebrant The Lord be with you;
All **And with thy spirit.**
 Lift up your hearts;
 We lift them up unto the Lord.
 Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;
 It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times,
and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise Thee
for the glorious Resurrection of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
For He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us,
and hath taken away the sin of the world;
Who by His death hath destroyed death,
and by His rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name; evermore praising Thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The people kneeling, the Celebrant shall then continue

Holy in truth art Thou, and blessed in truth, O Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
for that Thou of Thy tender mercy
didst give Thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon Him,
and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption;
who made there, by His one oblation of Himself once offered,
a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction,
for the sins of the whole world;
and did institute, and in His holy Gospel command us to continue,
a perpetual memorial of that His precious death, until His coming again:

Who, in the same night that He was betrayed,
took Bread; and when He had given thanks to Thee,
He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, saying,
take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you:
Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper He took the Cup;
and, when He had given thanks,
He gave it to them, saying,
Drink ye all of this: for this is my Blood of the New Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins:
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

Celebrant

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father
we Thy humble servants do celebrate and make here before Thy Divine Majesty,
with these Thy holy gifts,
the memorial Thy Son hath commanded us to make;
having in remembrance His blessed passion, and precious death,
His mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension;
rendering unto Thee most hearty thanks for the same,
and looking for His coming again with power and great glory,

And we entirely desire Thy fatherly goodness
mercifully to accept on high this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
beseeching Thee to grant, that by the merits and death of Thy Son Jesus Christ,
and through faith in His blood, we and all Thy whole Church
may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of His passion.

And we humbly beseech Thee, most merciful Father,
to send down Thy holy and life-giving Spirit upon us and upon these Thy gifts,
that the Bread which we break may be the communion of the Body of Christ,
and the Cup which we bless may be the communion of His Blood;
and grant, that all we who are partakers of this Holy communion
may be fulfilled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction,
and made one body in Thy Son, Our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

All

**And here we offer and present unto Thee, O Lord,
ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy,
and lively sacrifice unto Thee.
And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer unto Thee any sacrifice,
yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service;
not weighing our merits,
but pardoning our offences,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be unto Thee,
O Father Almighty, world without end.
Amen.**

THE COMMUNION

Celebrant

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say,

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come;
Thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

sung to a setting by Albert Hay Malotte (1895 - 1964)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you;
All **And with thy spirit.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All **WE do not presume to come to this Thy Table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in Thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy table.
But Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy:
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the Flesh of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink His Blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His Body,
and our souls washed through His most precious Blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in Him,
and He in us. Amen.**

All sing

***Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us,
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us,
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.***

The Celebrant addresses them that come to receive the Holy Communion:

DRAW near and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which were given for you,
and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communicants proceed to the High Altar

And when the Celebrant delivers the Bread, he shall say:

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee,
preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.
Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee,
and feed on Him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

And the Minister that delivers the Cup says:

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee,
preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.
Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee,
and be thankful.

During the distribution of the Communion, a soloist sings

I know that my redeemer liveth
and that he shall stand at the latter day, upon the earth.

And though worms destroy this body
yet in my flesh shall I see God.

Words: Job 19: 25, 26 & 1 Corinthians 15: 20

Music: George Frederick Händel
from 'Messiah'

While, seated join in singing

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King:
Who hath washed us in the tide
Flowing from his piercèd side;
Praise we him whose love Divine
Gives the guests his Blood for wine,
Gives his Body for the feast,
Love the Victim, Love the Priest.**

**² Mighty victim from on high,
Powers of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is broken in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light.
Now thy banner thou dost wave,
Conquering Satan and the grave.
See the prince of darkness quelled;
Heaven's bright gates are open held.**

**³ Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,
Only sin can this destroy;
From sin's death do thou set free,
Souls re-born, dear Lord, in Thee.
Hymns of glory songs of praise,
Father, unto Thee we raise.
Risen Lord, all praise to Thee,
Ever with the Spirit be.**

Words: R. Campbell (1814 - 68)

Tune: SALZBURG
Melody from J. Hintze (1622 - 1702)
Harmony from Johann Sebastian Bach

THE THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you;
All **And also with you.**

ALMIGHTY and everliving God,
we most heartily thank Thee, for that Thou dost vouchsafe to feed us,
who have duly received these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of Thy favour and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of Thy Son,
which is the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs through hope of Thy everlasting Kingdom,
by the merits of the most precious death and passion of Thy dear Son.
And we most humbly beseech Thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with Thy grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as Thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, world without end.
Amen.

A fanfare is sounded.

All stand and sing the THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men.
*We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,
we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy;
Thou only art the Lord:
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
 that great shepherd of the sheep,
 through the blood of the eternal covenant,
 make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
 working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
 and the blessing of God Almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you
 and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Choral response

Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN AT THE CLOSING

All join in singing



The Day of Resurrection!
 Earth, tell it out abroad;
 The Passover of gladness,
 The Passover of God!
 From death to life eternal,
 From earth unto the sky,
 Our Christ hath brought us over
 With hymns of victory.

2. Our hearts be pure from evil,
 That we may see aright
 The Lord in rays eternal
 Of resurrection-light;
 And, listening to His accents,
 May hear so calm and plain
 His own 'All hail,' and hearing,
 May raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heavens be joyful,
 And earth her song begin,
 The round world keep high triumph,
 And all that is therein;
 Let all things seen and unseen
 Their notes of gladness blend,
 For Christ the Lord hath risen,
 Our Joy that hath no end.

DISMISSAL

From the West Door, the Presbyter says

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

THE POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune in D Major, *Op. 15* Craig Sellar Lang (1871 - 1971)

Trumpet Voluntary John Stanley (1712 - 1786)

~~~ Birthdays this week ~~~

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,
plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

Jeremiah 29:11

Rebecca Baker (9), Elizabeth George (11), Sarah Phillips (11),
Rayhan Jadhav (14), Hepzibah Pathak (14)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Rt. Revd. Prakash Patole has been appointed as Director for Mission and Evangelism. Uphold him in your prayers.
- The Revd. Graham J. P. Engineer (Diocesan Vice President) has been appointed as the Moderator's Episcopal Commissary to the Diocese of Bombay (C.N.I.). Pray for the Revd. Engineer as he assumes additional responsibilities.
- The 49th Ordinary meeting of the Bombay Diocesan Council will be held at St. Peters School, Mazagoan on 21st and 22nd April 2023. Pray for all representatives attending.
- Mrs. Ruth Magar has donated brass flowerpots in memory of her late Husband Mr. Suryakant Magar.
- The glorious Paschal Candle used for the first time this Easter is a gift from Mr. Mark Stubbley from the Anglican Diocese of Sydney. Mark worships in the Cathedral when in Mumbai.

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Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** Pray for peace and reconciliation in areas of the world experiencing conflict. ● For migrants, refugees and displaced people. We give thanks for the work of the United Nations and all those who help build bridges of goodwill. ● The World Health Organisation (WHO) observes 7th April as World Health Day. Pray for access to affordable and quality health care to all. The day marks the anniversary of the founding of the WHO.

† **OUR COUNTRY** For all in Government whose decisions affect the lives of many.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** Pray for the Church universal as we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. ● Pray for places where people are persecuted of their faith. ● Pray for greater dialogue between denominations that we may come closer "to being one". In the *Anglican Communion* for the Province of the Episcopal Church of the Sudan. ● Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. ● We give thanks for the ministry and witness of the evangelists Adoniran Judson of Burma and Joseph Damien (commemorated 12th April). ● The theologian and martyr Justin (c. 165) is commemorated on 14th April. When Justin was arrested for his faith in Rome, the prefect asked him to denounce his faith by making a sacrifice to the gods. Justin replied, "*No one who is rightly minded turns from true belief to false.*"

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Delhi and the Rt. Revd. Dr. Paul Swarup. ● The Diocese of Kanyakumari and the Rt. Revd. Anantha Raj Rayappan Chelliah.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide all representatives meeting for the Diocesan Council to be held on 21st and 22nd April. ● This week for the Church of St. Francis and the Revd. V. P. Ingle.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** For the Cathedral's worshipping community. ● For all those working on the ongoing conservation work in the Cathedral ● For God's comforting presence with all senior citizens and their care providers.

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